कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Coaching Facilities to the SC and ST Candidates Appearing for IAS Examination in Gujarat

617. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made arrangements for providing coaching and other assistance to the candidates belonging to SCs and STs appearing for IAS and allied service examination and other examinations conducted by UPSC from time to time in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether institutions in the State have been identified and recognised for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of SC/ST candidates benefited from this scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) whether this arrangement has benefited the SC/ST candidates in view of their pass percentage?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Sector Scheme of Coaching and Allied for SCs/STs is being implemented all over the country including the State of Gujarat. Under the Scheme funds are provided to the State Governments on 50:50 basis while the Universities and private Institutes are given 100% grant.

(c) and (d) yes Sir, The Pre-Examination Training Centres for SC/ST run by the Govt. of Gujarat are located at Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Baroda, Bulsar, Dahod, Pavijetpur, Bhilod, Mandvi, Rajpipla, Ahwa and Baroda.

(e) Years	No. of candidates coached
1994-95	505
1995-96	824
1996-97	537

(f) The Scheme has benefitted the SC/ST candidates as if prepares them to appear in various competitive examinations.

Recommendations made by National Commission for Safai Karamchari

618. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meating of the National Commission for Safai Karamchari held since its constitution;

(b) the details of the business transacted at each of the said meetings;

(c) the main recommendations made by the Commission to Government in the interest of Safai Karamchari; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the interest of the aforesaid Safai Karamchari?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Safai karamcharis have held 16 meetings so far from the date of its constitution. In these meetings, among other things, various aspects with regard to functioning of the Commission, effective implementation of the national Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents, etc. were discussed.

(c) and (d) The Commission have so far submitted two Reports relating to the years 1994-95 and 1995-96. The main recommendations include:—

(1) permanent term and constitutional status as well as financial autonomy for the Commission and status of Cabinet Minister for Chairperson;

(2) definition of scavenger under the scheme should include those who carry night soil and filth and offer order re-survey of scavengers;

(3) enhance stipend and duration of training and associate Non-Governmental Organisations;

(4) enhance project cost for rehabilitation from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 5,00,000/-

(5) give publicity to the Scheme;

(6) make timely release of funds by Central and State Govts., and ensure better co-operation of banks;

(7) adopt cluster approach;

(8) make monitoring set-up more effective;

(9) avoid contract system of scavengers and regularise them and provision for separate reservation;

(10) various facilities and career avenues for Safai Karamcharis;

(11) Opening of regional offices of Commission as well as ex-officio membership of National Human Rights Commission;

(12) Speed-up implementation of Scheme by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment and put this scheme and scheme for Safai Karamcharis implemented by the Ministry of Welfare under the same Ministry; and

(13) set up a Finance Corporation exclusively for Safai Karamcharis.

Several recommendations have been considered while modifying the guidelines of the national Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents w.e.f. 1.4.1996 which, inter-alia, include;

(1) adoption of TRYSEM norms for training;

(2) release of Central Assistance directly to SCDCs which are the implementing agencies in States;

(3) adoption of higher project cost of Rs. 50,000/- per beneficiary for rehabilitation; and

(4) adoption of cluster approach for training and rehabilitation.

The life of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis has been extended till 31st march 2002. A national Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation has been set up. The National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents is being extended for implementation during the IX Plan Period. Some of the recommendations of the Commission are under examination in consultation with the Commission as well as various concerned Central Ministries/ State Governments.

Proper Representation of Minority Community in various Central Police Forces/Establishments

619. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to ensure proper representation of minority community in terms of their numerical strength in various Central Police forces/ establishments including Delhi Police;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received/under consideration and decision taken thereon;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the fresh initiatives taken by Government for the welfare and economic uplift of members of minority communities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) The Government have taken various measures for improving representation of minority communities in Central Police forces/ establishments including State Police forces such as: (i) Nomination of a